

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 14, with the following:

B2
--**Polyclonal antibody production.** Peptides HGFTEQNSG (Sequence ID NO:3) (peptide 15) and RYMDQPSRF (Sequence ID NO:14) (PEPTIDE 42) and the same peptides conjugated to bovine serum albumin (BSA) or keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH) were synthesized by the Alberta Peptide Institute, Edmonton, Canada. Conjugates were prepared for immunization as suggested by the manufacturer. The BSA conjugates were prepared in complete Freund's adjuvant and 0.5 ml containing 0.1 mg of either peptide 15-BSA or peptide 42-BSA was injected in each thigh of two New Zealand white rabbits. Rabbits immunized with peptide 42-BSA were boosted with intramuscular injections of peptide in incomplete Freund's three times at bi-weekly intervals. Rabbits immunized with peptide 15-BSA were given two additional boosts as test bleeds indicated lower titres.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 25 as follows:

- B3
25. An antibody specific for a peptide selected from the group consisting of
- (a) VSHGFTEQNSGLIYRGQSGGMNEAF (Sequence ID NO:1);
 - (b) SGALRYMDQPSRDGRSIDM (Sequence ID NO:11);
 - (c) HGFTEQNSG (Sequence ID NO:3);
 - (d) RYMDQPSRD (Sequence ID NO:4); and